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In favor of proposed CrR 4.11

Ms. Faulk,

I understand you are collecting comments on proposed rule 4.11 concerning the recording of defense witness interviews. I am strongly in favor of the new rule. Currently, when a prosecution witness declines to be recorded, I must have a witness present to take verbatim notes. This slows down the process greatly and interviews are much longer than they have to be.

In addition, the witness will often dispute the accuracy of the notes when confronted during cross examination. Thus, a witness can change his or her story, saying one thing at the interview and another at trial—with no consequence because there is no recording to prove otherwise. Recordings also protect the witness from errors in note-taking.

Thank you.

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